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POLYMER AND USES OF THE POLYMER

Examiner: Michael Borin, Ph.D.

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RCE AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 23, 2005 ("the OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A Notice of Appeal was filed December 21, 2005; thus, the response was initially due February 21, 2005. Applicants herein submit a petition for a four month extension of time to June 21, 2006, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and

Applicants are entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits.

Amendment to the claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, postcard;
- Request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114;
- Petition for extension of time;
- Resubmitting immunofluorescent light microscope image as Exhibit A;
- Dr. Nelson Barton's 37 CFR §1.132 (executed) declaration, with attached series of fluorescence light microscope images as Exhibit B;
- California State Science Fair document.